Amendments to the Claims

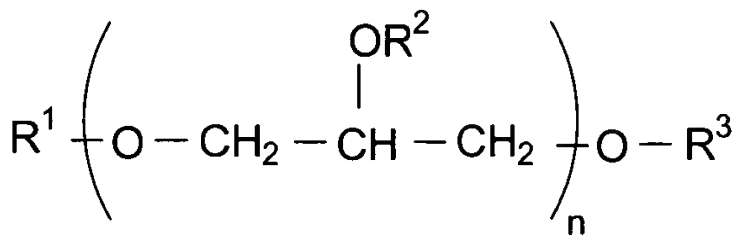
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

List of Claims:

1 – 87 (previously canceled)

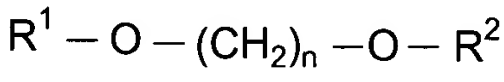
88. (Currently amended) A compound having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

II:



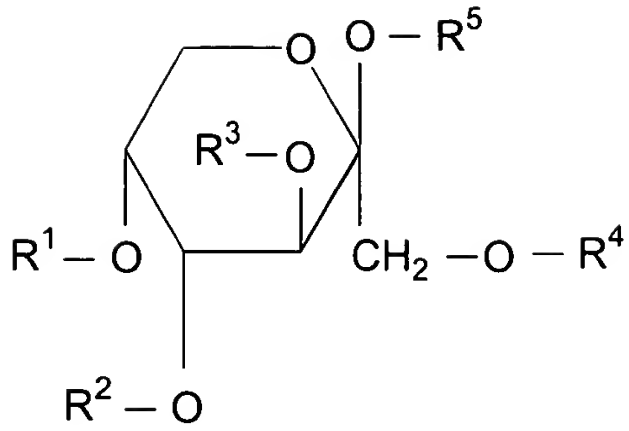
wherein R^1, R^2, and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, wherein n is between 1 and 20, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, and R^3 is other than hydrogen;

III:



wherein n is an integer between 4 and 8, and R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is other than hydrogen;

IV:



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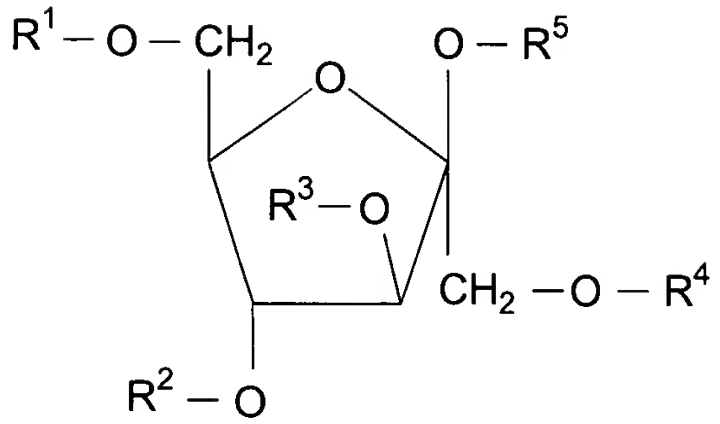
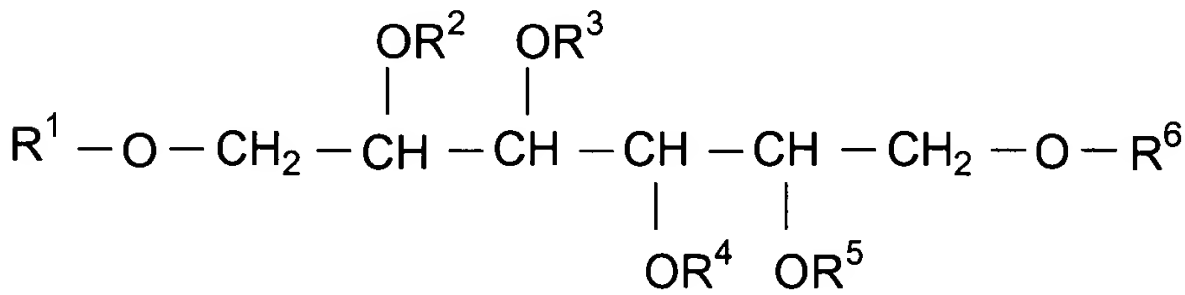


wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 is not hydrogen and is not ε-oxycaproyl;

VI:



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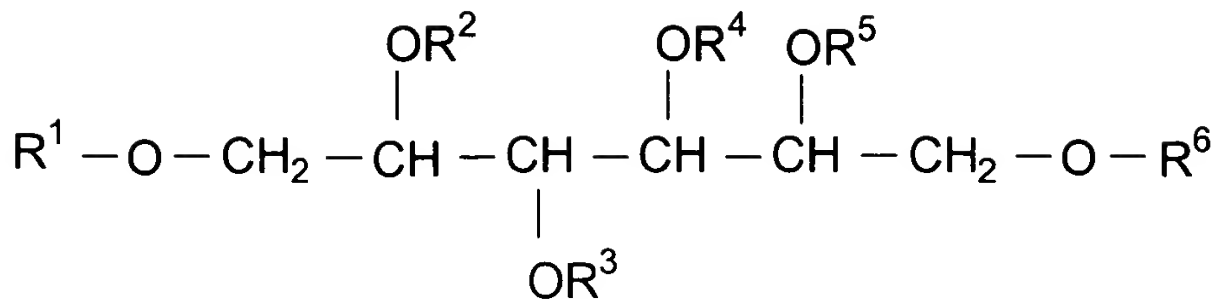
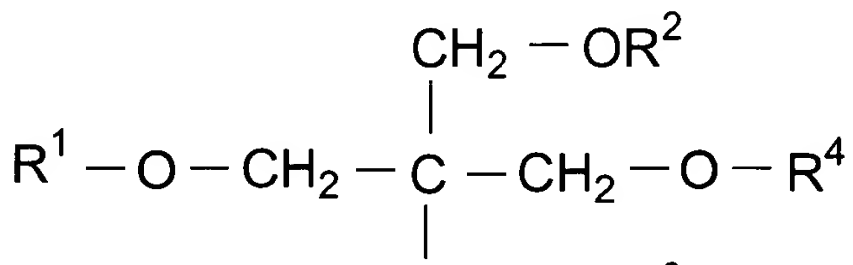


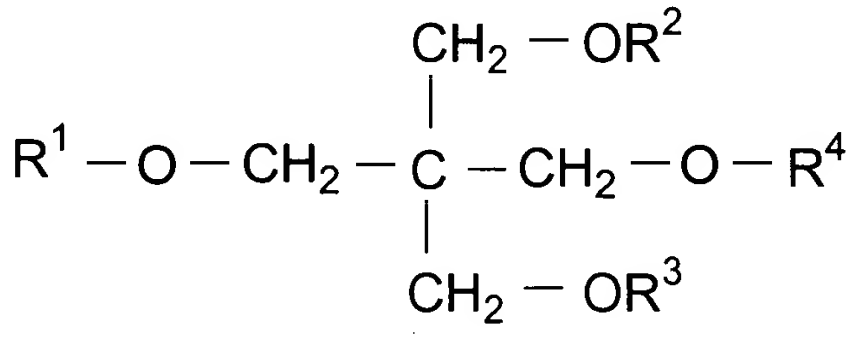
wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6 is other than hydrogen;

VIII:



wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 is other than hydrogen.

89. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim E, having the structure:

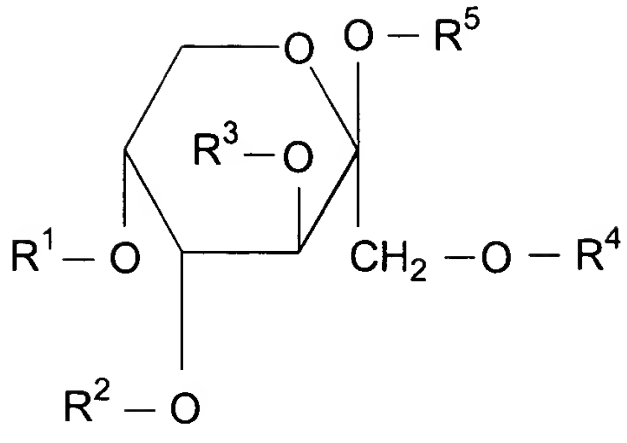


wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 is other than hydrogen.

90. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 88, having structure IV, and wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons,~~ hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not~~ acetyl, or ε-oxycaproyl.

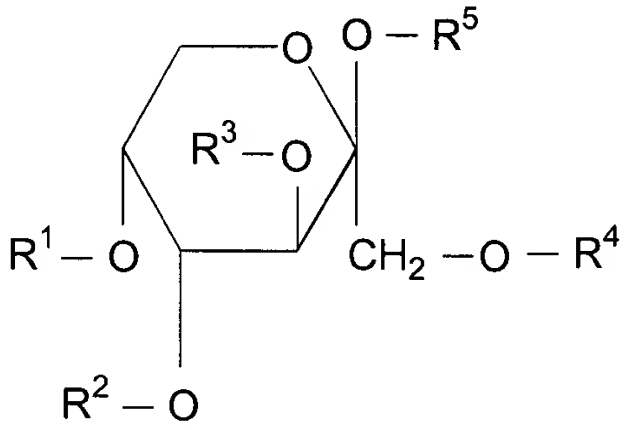
91. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 88, having structure IV, and wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons,~~ hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not~~ alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, or ε-oxycaproyl.

92. (Currently amended) A compound having structure:



wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not~~ acetyl, or ε-oxycaproyl.

93. (Currently amended) A compound having structure:



wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl, and at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 is not ε-oxycaproyl.

94. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 93, wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^5 are acetate, and R^4 is lactate.